

FACILITIES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Giant Forest Area

GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home of the world's biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. See highlights on page 6, and this page for information on road delays between Giant Forest and Three Rivers.

- **Giant Forest Museum (NPS):** Daily 9am - 5pm through 10/31, then 9am - 4:30pm. Exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4480. No payphone; closest phones are at Lodgepole & Wolverton.

CRYSTAL CAVE - Daily through 10/28 (weather permitting)

This cavern is one of the highlights of the park! Tickets are not sold at the cave; see page 3 for details and schedule.

Lodgepole Area

LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. A few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and your map. Lodgepole Village offers:

INFORMATION (NPS) - Last day open October 28

- **Visitor Center:** Daily 8am-4:30pm through 10/28. Crystal Cave tickets sold 8am - 3:30pm. Exhibits on geology & forest life; books; maps; first aid. Pay phone. See award winning *Bears of the Sierra* movie. 1-559-565-4436.
- **Wilderness Permits:** Required for backcountry overnight trips. Self-issue outside the visitor center starting 10/1. See page 4 for details. 1-559-565-4408

FOOD & SHOPS (DNCPR) - Last day for services October 28

- **Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop:** Daily 9am-4:30pm. Supplies, bear canisters, gifts, sandwiches, ice cream.
- **Harrison Grill:** Weekends only 10am-4:15pm. Breakfast, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, & barbecue.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS):** Open all year. Details on page 11.
- **Laundry (DNCPR):** Daily 10am-4:15pm through 10/28, then closed for season. Last load of laundry in 1 hour before closing.
- **Showers (DNCPR):** Daily 10am-4:15pm through 10/28, then closed for the season. Closed daily 1-3pm for cleaning.
- **Post Office:** Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside visitor center & market buildings.

WUKSACHI LODGE & DINING ROOM

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the Sherman Tree. The center for lodging & food services in Sequoia.

FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR)

- **Dining Room:** Breakfast 7:30am-9:30am; Lunch 11:30am-2:30pm; Dinner 5pm-8:30pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 559-565-4070.
- **Lounge:** Daily 5pm-9pm through 10/22 then 5pm-8:30pm. Pay telephones downstairs.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-8pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.
- **Lodging:** Year-round. See page 10 for details.

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts and the National Park Foundation have made it easy for Wuksachi Lodge guests to contribute to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Ask about the Guest Donation Program when you check in!

Sequoia Roads Advisory

Generals Highway:

A 1-1/2 mile section of the old road is being reconstructed in Sequoia National Park between Hospital Rock Picnic Area and the Giant Forest.

Planned work schedule: Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic can pass once per hour, at the top of the hour. Uphill traffic goes through first, then downhill traffic.

Try to get to the work zone at about 10 minutes before the hour (see drive-time chart below). *Slow down* as you approach the area; traffic may be stopped just around a curve. If night work is needed, signs and notices will be posted.

Last restrooms before the construction are at Hospital Rock and Giant Forest Museum. Be sure to use them, as none are available near the construction zone!

After hours, automatic lights control traffic where the road narrows to one lane. Wait for the green light, or you'll get trapped by oncoming traffic!

DRIVE TIME TO CONSTRUCTION ZONE FROM:

Sequoia Entrance / Hwy 198	- 35 minutes
Foothills Visitor Center	- 30 minutes
Potwisha Campground	- 21 minutes
Hospital Rock Picnic Area	- 15 minutes
Giant Forest Museum	- 15 minutes
Grant Grove Village	- 1-1/4 hours

Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow:

This road is temporarily closed for construction and will reopen in spring 2008. Check at visitor centers more information.

Foothills Area

500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. Oaks, chaparral, & river canyons; hot summers & snow-free winters; & the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is at Ash Mountain.

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-4:30pm.. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits, Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm through 10/28. 1-559-565-3135.
- **Potwisha Campground (NPS):** Year-round. Details on page 11.
- **Pay Telephones:** Foothills Visitor Center (by front door), Potwisha Campground, Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

Mineral King Area

This area closes November 1 through late May.

NOTE: Starting 11/1, Mineral King Road is gated at the park boundary (about 9 miles from Highway 198) due to illegal activities and resource damage. With a permit from the Foothills Visitor Center (see information above), visitors may drive another 8 miles to the old winter gate, weather permitting.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. This subalpine valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road open until October 31, weather permitting. No RVs, buses, or trailers, please. There is no electricity or gas; no drinking water in campgrounds starting 10/10.

- **Ranger Station (NPS):** Closed for season. Self-register for wilderness permits on the porch.
- **Silver City Mountain Resort:** Last night 10/7. Cabins, chalets, bakery, showers, small store (gifts, limited supplies & ice; no gas or fishing licenses), restaurant (open Saturday-Sunday only). Weekends 8am-8pm; store open Monday-Friday variable hours. 559-561-3223; winter 805-528-2730; www.silvercityresort.com.
Camping (NPS): No RVs or trailers. Details: page 11.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Park rangers may offer free walks and talks in the Giant Forest, Wuksachi, and the Foothills, usually on weekends.



Once it snows enough, free snowshoe walks are offered. Ask at visitor centers and see local bulletin boards for times, locations, & topics.